

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL  
March 25, 2014**

Present: Mayor Bob Rivera, Vice Mayor Bill Mulleneaux, Councilmember, Wayne Griffin, Don Innes, Ken Larson, Aaron Allen, Joy Martin

Staff: Terry Hinton Manager, Heath Brown Engineer, Matt Clifford Attorney, Shaffen Woods Chief of Police, Lona Duncan Town Clerk

Visitors: None

**AGENDA**

Mayor Rivera welcomed everyone calling meeting to order at 7:00pm stating there was a quorum. Mayor said God bless our men and women in the armed forces God bless their families God bless the Town of Thatcher and God bless the United States of America.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Councilman Allen

Roll Call.

**OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Action Item

- A. Approve minutes of the February 17, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.
- B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.
- C. Police Monthly Report.
- D. Approval of Invoices.
- E. Financial Reports.

Councilman Griffin asked why the town charges for services are down. Terry said these are things that are billed out in a one lump sum like pole rental, fire district when payment comes in it will be higher.

Vice Mayor Mulleneaux made motion to approve reports and minutes. Councilman Larson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

**OLD BUSINESS:** Discussion, consideration and possible action.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion, consideration and possible action

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 618-2014:** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA,

PERTAINING TO THE SUBMISSION OF PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION IN ARIZONA'S 2014 HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN.

Terry said this is needed yearly in order for the Police Department to apply for grants with GOHS.

Councilman Innes made motion to approve Resolution No 618-2014. Councilwomen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

A. Town Manager's Report:

Terry said the walking path will go out to bid on May 9th. If everything goes good it should start in August. Mayor Rivera ask Heath after the bid is awarded how long do they have. Heath said they have 60 days for construction but it shouldn't take more than a month. Terry said are giving two of our used police cars to the County and to the Town of Kearny. The County is going to give us \$100 and they have already picked theirs Kearny will pick up on Friday. I have been working on budget almost completed except for things like the Safford landfill and the County hasn't given me their increases yet. We need to have a time for the budget work session so think of dates that will work for you. Heath, Tommy and I still need to go out and look at the streets to come up with what needs to be done first. Council might do the same thing so you have ideas to recommend. The park is coming along the first ramada went up today. All the fencing is up for ball fields, the basketball court is up some of the lights are going up. Play ground equipment. With the cost of bathroom and all the other work the town will have paid close to three quarters of a million dollars. If you have looked at 1<sup>st</sup> Ave the poles and signs are out so soon as electrical is completed we will get the grader work done and it will look nice. Our audit is done and will have the auditor come next month to explain it to you.

B. Fire Department Report.

Terry reported that Chief Payne is training at the elementary school so he asked me to report. The Fire Department helped with the EAC mock car crash training for all the entities and high school students. Chief Woods said we had over 550 students. The fire department has also put in for a grant with FMI for air packs. Chief Payne will also attend training at the mine.

C. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods told Council that Officer Brian Ellsworth was recognized by the BFW for the annual officer of the year award from BFW. The award was presented at their banquet where they awarded a number of Police Officers, Fire Men and National Guard. Brian has been an asset to the Police Department. We applied for GOHS grant in the amount 70 thousand for overtime and a vehicle. Kevin West has promoted to Sergeant last month. The two new Officers have been selected we are working getting back grounds and they should start on March 31<sup>st</sup>. We are also going to sponsor a Reserve Officer in the Police Academy, starting in April. His name is Jacob Shields. Mayor Rivera ask how

much it cost to sponsor answer was only the polygraph and medical exam along with bullets and a gun. Chief Woods said it is unlikely that we will get him because there are so many agencies hiring them as soon as they get out of the academy. Vice Mayor Mulleneaux ask if he would provide a report with an activity brake down by officers not by name but by number and investigator one and two of tickets, warning, and type of case they are investigating so we would have an idea of what is going on. Terry said there is a monthly report that also shows mileage driven.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Safe House- Councilwomen Martin last week. There is a golf tournament on April 5<sup>th</sup> it is \$50.00 a person they are doing four man teams but you can show up on your own and they will assign you a team. You can also sponsor a hole if you want. April 9<sup>th</sup> is Arizona Gift Day where all the non profits try to raise money at the online donation drive. If you hear of anyone that would like to donate a building they need more room for transitional people.
- B. Chamber of Commerce- Councilman Innes had no meeting.
- C. SEAGO- Mayor Rivera had no meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Innes made motion to adjourn meeting. Vice Mayor Mulleneaux seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

**ATTEST:**

APPROVED:

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Lona Duncan, Town Clerk

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Robert Rivera, Mayor

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular/special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Thatcher held on the 25th day of March, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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Lona Duncan, Town Clerk